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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, US, EG
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S FAREWELL MESSAGES TO SADAT AND FAHMY

REF (A) STATE 8785, (B) STATE 8786

1. AS SOON AS I RETURNED THIS MORNING, I SOUGHT TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY TO DELIVER PERSONALLY YOUR MESSAGES TO SADAT AND ISMAIL. SADAT, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS STILL IN ASWAN AND IS EXPECTED TO BE THERE FOR THE REST OF THIS MONTH -- UNLESS THE SERIOUS SECURITY SITUATION WHICH DEVELOPED IN CAIRO YESTERDAY AND CONTINUES TODAY BRINGS HIM BACK EARLIER. FAHMY, IT TURNED OUT, WOULD NOT BE IN HIS OFFICE TODAY. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS IS DUE TO THE DEMONSTRATIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY HERE IN CAIRO OR TO THE FACT THAT KHADDAM IS STILL HERE AND WAS EXPECTED TO FLY UP TO ASWAN THIS MORNING TO SAY GOODBYE TO SADAT. I RATHER SUSPECT IT IS THE LATTER AND THAT FAHMY ACCOMPANIED KHADDAM TO ASWAN. IN ANY CASE, FAHMY'S OFFICE KNOWS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM AS SOON AS HE IS AVAILABLE. I WILL DELIVER THE LETTERS AS SOON AS WE MEET.

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2. YOU WILL PERHAPS HAVE NOTED FROM OUR REPORTING THAT SERIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS BEGAN IN CAIRO AND ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AND HAVE INTENSIFIED TODAY. THE OSTENSIBLE REASON IS THE RISE IN THE COST OF LIVING RESULTING FROM THE NEW GOE BUDGET WHICH REMOVES MANY OF THE SUBSIDIES. IN FACT, I RATHER SUSPECT THAT THIS WAS

SIMPLY THE EVENT WHICH TRIGGERED OFF WHAT HAS LONG BEEN PENT UP PUBLIC RESTIVENESS OVER THE DETERIORATING ECONOMY, THE STALLED ME PEACE PROCESS, THE NOVEAU RICHE WHO HAVE APPEARED IN EGYPT IN THE LAST YEAR OR MORE, ETC. IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEND ONE OF THESE DAYS AND WE WILL NOW HAVE TO SEE HOW EFFECTIVELY GOE COPE WITH WHAT IS UNQUESTIONABLY THE MOST SERIOUS DOMESTIC UNREST IT HAS EXPERIENCED IN THREE YEARS OR MORE. AN AIR OF TENSION PREVAILS AROUND THE CITY AND, AS IS ALWAYS THE CASE ON SUCH OCCASIONS, THERE ARE RUMORS OF MORE SERIOUS OUTBREAKS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. PERHAPS TO FORESTALL THIS, GOE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED NATION-WIDE CURFEW BEGINNING 1600 TODAY UNTIL 0600 TOMORROW. EILTS

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